



Welcome to Worship at Adoration!

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Introduction

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

The Great Three Days

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion with Healing

Our worship service uses *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the cranberry hymnal in your pew.

Prelude Lori Wargolet, flute & Rich Regent, clarinet

Welcome and Announcements

Please remain seated.

Confession

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

We yearned to return to you, O God, asking you to show us the way. You gave us signposts, food for the journey, and companions who met us. And even when we've lost our way, your Spirit, with all her power, has drawn us back into your sacred, treasured embrace.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation.

On this night, we confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for confession and self-examination.

Holy God, we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

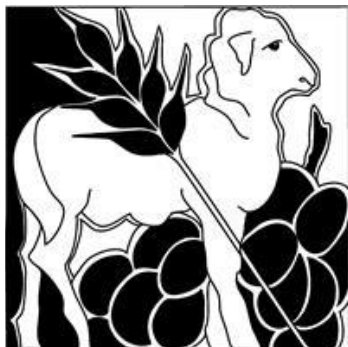
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen



Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.



Absolution

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

Gathering Hymn: *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* *ELW #334* *Verses 1, 2, 3, and General*

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

A reading from the book of Exodus.

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it

¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.



*In the bread and cup of the
Lord's supper, we
experience intimate
fellowship with Christ and
with one another because it
involves his body given for
us and the new covenant in
his blood.
Faithful participation in this
meal is a living
proclamation of Christ's
death until he comes in the
future.*

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*Children are invited forward
for an age-specific message
focused on the day's reading
and the lesson they will
study in Sunday School. The
children will be dismissed
for their own Sunday School
learning time after their time
in front and return with their
leaders in time for
Communion.*

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (Read Responsively)

¹I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication, ²for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.

¹²**How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me? ¹³I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people. ¹⁵Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.

¹⁶**O Lord, truly I am your servant. I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**

¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

¹⁸**I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people, ¹⁹in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Time

The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one other.



You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Gospel: John 13:1-17; 31b-35

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father.

Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you,

We pray for those in need:

Tom Nowakowski who entered rehab and for continued strength for Jeanette during this time;
 Craig Beyler, recovering from foot surgery;
 Dori Timmerman, recovering from foot surgery;
 Tom Polaski, friend of Ted and Mardy Lazaris, who is battling cancer;
 Brandi who lost her valiant battle with cancer and her family and friends (Bednar's) who are grieving;
 Cathy Hanke, friend of the Regents, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer;
 Kayla, daughter of Athena Minto, who is being tested for autoimmune illnesses;
 Nancy Czarapata's brother-in-law who was diagnosed with cancer;
 Karen, sister of Sandy Ringwall;
 John Imp;
 Donna Babilus;
 Cheryl Hagfors;
 Ray, friend of Jan Rinderle;
 Scott Kaczor, cousin of Sandy Witt, who is having prostate cancer surgery;
 Ethel Bach, sister of Jeanette Nowakowski, with white lung disease;
 Earlann Wilson, sister of Jeanette Nowakowski, with cancer;
 Anne, friend of Sandy Young;
 Victoria, with cancer (Deanna Posig);
 Joyce, with cancer (Jan Rinderle);
 The Nelson/Hartman family;
 Felicia Bruyette, sister-in-law of Kelly (Jeff) Faltersack;
 Cecilia, friend of Jill Lindberg, who is battling aggressive breast cancer;
 Mary, Sandy Young's sister;
 Jerry, Bruce Crueger's brother;
 Karen, Sandy Ringwall's sister;
 Joy Braun (friend of Sue Clark);
 Amy & Family (friends of Kathy Wakefield)



‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn: *Let My Spirit Always Sing* (ACS #1020)

1 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, though my heart be
 2 Though my bod - y be con - fined, let your word en -
 3 Let your wis - dom grace my years, choose my words and
 4 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, to your Spir - it

win - ter - ing, though the sea - son of de - spair
 gage my mind, let the in - ner eye dis - cern
 chase my fears, give me wit to wel - come change,
 an - swer - ing, through the si - lence, through the pain

give no sign that you are there, God to whom my
 how much more there is to learn, see a world be -
 to ac - cept, and not es - trange, let my joy be
 know my hope is not in vain, like a feath - er

days be - long, let there al - ways be a song.
 com - ing whole through the win - dow of the soul.
 full and deep in the knowl - edge that I keep.
 on your breath trust your love, through life and death.

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Prayers of the People

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Leaning into the hope we know in Christ, let us offer up our prayers for the people of God and for all who are in need.

Merciful God, nothing can stand between us and the love you have for us in Christ Jesus.

We continue to pray for strength for:

Linda and Donna, Betty Wing's sisters;
 Betty Wing;
 Joani Bettin;
 Kathy Imp;
 Marylee Dye;
 Ruth Bauer;
 Pat Koch;
 Mary Anne Markiewicz;
 Ivy Rose Eigner, granddaughter of Sandy & Charlie;
 Eric, Crystal's brother

We keep in our prayers:

Adoration amid the beginnings of the pastoral transition process;
 Marcy Laude, and her family and loved ones, as they continue to mourn her passing;
 Dawn (friend of Sandy and Bob Young);
 Pat (cousin of Donna Babilus);
 Scott and Debbie (family of Margaret Duris);
 Keith (Sandy Eigner's brother-in-law);
 Susan (Darlene Witkowiak's daughter);
 Jeremy (Tom Nowakowski's nephew);
 Caroline (Jill Lindberg's daughter);
 Shelby (friend of Crystal) who had breast cancer reconstructive surgery;
 Taylor Daniels and her family as she just went into remission from childhood cancer (friends of Crystal)



Remind us of this holy promise each and every day. Let our lives reflect a confidence in you and in your desire to draw everyone, absolutely everyone, to you.

Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious God, train us to focus our energy on building up what is good, merciful, and right in this world, rather than tearing ourselves or others down. Remind us of the many strengths we have as individuals and as a community of faith, so that we might use what you have given us to share your love with the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Steadfast God, bring healing and release to all who are hurting. Soothe those who are sick, give peaceful rest to those who are weary, give courage to those who struggle to simply make it through one more day. Let the promise that you will not allow anything in all creation to separate us from your love fill our broken and aching hearts.

Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious God, we have heard your Word of Life today.

While our sin is great, your determination to save has proven greater. Thank you for Jesus, who leads us into the community declaring, “The love of God has come near.”

Embolden us with the gift of your Holy Spirit, that we may share your love and salvation with all creation, through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please share signs of peace with those in your vicinity.

Today we give our tithes and offerings by bringing them forth as we come to receive Communion.

Call to Communion “Love Filled the Cup”

Chancel Choir



Introduction to the Meal

Re-turning to the Lord, we come to Jesus' healing table, hungry for mercy and yearning for steadfast love. Let us pray.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, not revenge. He offered bread to feed and to forgive. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took a basin of water to soothe, liberate, and heal. Help us, so washed and fed, to do the same. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all, and who on this night...

Words of Institution

Remembering and Invocation

Remembering, therefore, Christ's turn toward the world, his journey to the cross, and his resurrection from the dead, we turn toward you in the gifts of bread and wine, signs of your mercy and balm for our souls.

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that these gifts may be healing and redemption for us and for your world, the turning toward a new day of righteousness.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

And now, may all creation turn toward you, seeking your mercy and trusting in your word, that we may share in your glory with all the saints in light. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Remember us, dear Jesus, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

ON RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to the Lord's Table by the Lord Jesus Christ himself. Therefore, Adoration Lutheran Church practices "Open Communion," which means we do not restrict anyone from receiving this grace filled gift of God. Jesus loves everyone and welcomes everyone to his table of grace and peace.

We come forward to share in Holy Communion today. You may choose to receive a wafer and a poured cup of wine or juice or a pre-sealed packet containing both a wafer and juice. Gluten-free wafers available by indicating your need to the server. Consecrated Goldfish crackers are available for children. All are welcome to come forth and receive a blessing. Please place used cups in the baskets on the end of the front pews.



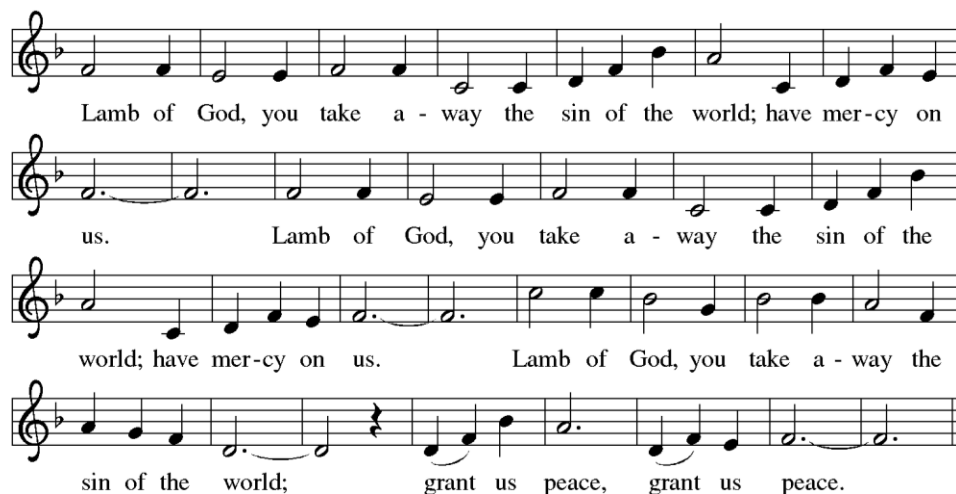
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

Please wait to come forward for Holy Communion until we have completed singing the "Lamb of God."

Lamb of God (ELW #195)



Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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Communion

Music During Communion *Ah, Holy Jesus* ELW #349

(Background Music Only)

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Merciful God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation.

As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

The Stripping of the Altar

The Maundy Thursday service concludes with the stripping of the altar. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space.

Psalm 88

*O Lord God, the God who saves me; day and night I cry to You.
Turn Your ear to hear my anguish; may my prayer come before You.
For my soul is full of trouble, and my life draws near the grave;
I'm like those who lose all strength and sink to pits where none can save.*

*I am counted with the dying, like the dead already there;
Not remembered, even by You; fully cut off from Your care.
You have put me in the depths and in the lowest pit I'm cast;
Your wrath lies like weight upon me; with Your waves, I'm drowned at last.*

*You have taken close friends from me, made me be abhorred by them.
I am trapped, cannot escape and with much grief my eyes are dim.
Yet I daily call to You, Lord; I spread out my hands to You.
Will You show the dead Your wonders? Will the dead rise and praise You?*

*Is Your love declared in death and is Your faithfulness there found?
Are Your wonders known in darkness? Can Your righteousness abound?
Still I cry to You for help, Lord; in the morning my prayers rise.
Why, O Lord, do You reject me, hide Your face from my worn eyes?*

*From my youth, I've been afflicted, close to death and in despair,
And Your wrath has swept around me, terrors kept me from Your care.
All day long those fears surround me, and engulf me without end.
You take friends and loved ones from me; darkness is my closest friend.*

Final Special Music “Song of Sighs” (Lori Wargolet, flute & Rich Regent, clarinetz)

We depart in silence.

***The Liturgy of the Three Days
continues on Good Friday...***



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